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RESPONSE

Dears Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed June 8, 2007, election of carpet extractor claims 2-11 and 21-24, is hereby made, subject to traverse.

It should be noted that claims 2-21 of the present application have already been searched and examined without restriction. The applicants should not be penalized for the introduction of new claims 22-24.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that even if the carpet extractor could perform a materially different process, it will be necessary to search and examine the process of claims 12-20 in order to search and examine extractor claims 2-11 and 21-24. Additionally, it is believed that to do a complete examination of claims 2-11 and 21-24, search of the preferred process of claims 12-20 would also be required. In this regard, the Examiner has not indicated that any extra effort would be required for searching or examination, or the like.

Thus, for patent office economics and efficiencies, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,
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